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**BEFORE BREAKFAST.**

From personal letters received in Scranton by friends of ex-Sheriff Charles Robinson and the party who accompanied him to Hot Springs, the Scrantonians were received with considerable eclat on their arrival at the famous western resort. A committee met the party at a station ten miles east of Hot Springs. At the resort two hands and a large gathering of Elks with banners and flags received them at the depot. They were conducted to their hotel, which was particularly decorated in their honor. A ball was given for them in the hotel that night. Extreme gaiety ceased two days after their arrival, when they began a systematic use of the waters. All of them are in splendid health and will return about March 20, much benefited by the trip.

Hon. Alexander T. Connell called Tuesday from Victoria, B. C., on the "Islander," bound for the Klondike gold fields. In a letter to The Tribune from Victoria, he says:

Facilities for getting over the mountains and ascending the Yukon are now receiving the closest attention. Capital is at hand to develop any and all of the many ingenious plans and schemes now being presented tending toward easier and safer travel in Alaska. Upon the success of these operations will depend to a great extent the periods when it is advisable to start from here. Travelers and writers have sought to limit a time as, for instance, from about the middle of February to the end of May, yet statistics at hand warrant the assertion that between May and February the influx has been as great as during the period first named. Much depends, therefore, upon personal experience and advantage of joining an expedition or traveling with competent guides.

Transportation facilities are receiving great attention and competition bids fair to become keen. At the present time there are over sixty craft with an aggregate tonnage of 2,200 tons being constructed in Seattle's ship yards and these vessels will have a capacity for handling 10,000 passengers besides the many now in service.

From interviews with many who have returned from the gold fields and from my own personal observation I unhesitatingly advise all who proceed northward to take with them not less than one year's supplies. Those who have "gone in light" have bitterly repented it. Besides provisions one will need mining tools, a good tent and good camp stove and cooking utensils. One is advised to go thoroughly prepared for the rigorous and intensely cold climate, and the quality of wearing apparel ought to be the best. Heat is more too good for persons

going to Alaska" has become a common saying.

Miss Cobb had a number of photographs of blue-eyed little Chinese children who were pupils or friends of hers in China. Almost invariably these very modern looking photographs depicted the youthful Celestial seated on the back of a ferocious tiger or standing near a huge lion, deer, or some other animal seldom seen outside a menagerie. Questions deduced the information that these fierce and wild-looking creatures are made from some sort of composition in America and exported to China for the express purpose of making it easy for the photograph man, who is sure to get some sort of an expression on his subject's countenance when brought into proximity with these vicious beasts. As yet no American photographer has attempted to use such an incentive to "look pleasant, please," as he has no desire to be sued for convulsion damages inflicted on his patron's infants. Chinese children are different. They like a thrill.

The ticket agent at one of the railway stations in this city announced the other day that some woman had left her false teeth in the waiting room and could have them by proving provenance. When asked how he knew they belonged to a woman, when men also have been guilty of possessing these sometimes both useful and ornamental articles, he remarked: "The woman were all worn down in front by her tongue, where she had talked so much. And yet there are people who think the character of Sherlock Holmes was overdrawn."

The regular board meeting of the managers of the Home for the Friendless will take place at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, instead of 3.30 a. m., as usual.

A small boy on the Hill was much excited over the advent of a baby in the home of a neighbor a short time ago and trustingly accepted the statement made in reply to his queries that it came from heaven. At the following day the little man was very quiet, but was discovered frequently standing on the lawn with an anxious face upturned to the sky. Finally, when evening drew near, he was led to come into the house, and his mother said, impatiently: "Why, Johnny, what does all you and what in the world are you doing out there?" "Looking for babies," was the succinct reply, as he continued to gaze skyward.

**PERSONAL.**

Professor Robert J. Bauer is in New York on business.

Mrs. W. H. Gillespie, of Pittston, was visiting Scranton friends yesterday.

Misses Margaret and Mary Geary, of Franklin Avenue, New York city, where they will spend two weeks.

Professor Charles Moore goes today to Philadelphia to visit his brother, Arthur Moore, at the University of Pennsylvania Dental School.

John Barnard, of the firm of Sisson & Barnard, merchant tailors, Ithaca, N. Y., is registered at the Westminster hotel for several days. Mr. Barnard is an instructor in the army of the Republic and had the honor of planting the flag on Lookout Mountain during our late civil war.

**KEENE AS LOUIS XI.**

Small Audience Saw the Historical Drama at Lyceum Last Night.

It is questionable if Thomas W. Keene and his manager, Charles E. Hanford, acted wisely in deciding to produce "Louis XI" in this city. Certainly the scant audience that saw the drama at the Lyceum last night would give color to the theory that they did not. Louis XI and Richard III are two of the most despicable figures in the long list of historical dramas and it is not wonderful that the public does not rush to see them portrayed even when a more than ordinarily good actor like Mr. Keene presents with consummate tact and finesse the many-phased characters of these hypocritical soundboreds.

Mr. Keene last night aroused his small audience to no little enthusiasm by his vivid impersonation of Louis XI who quite as well deserved the title of the "royal butcher" as his English counterpart. It was a most creditable piece of work and will add not a little to Mr. Keene's already firmly established reputation in this city.

Charles E. Hanford's Duc de Nemours was worthy of Mr. Keene's Louis, and the other leading roles were interpreted in an admirable manner by George Morton, John Hutton, Lawrence Lovell, Arthur Stanford, Paul G. Taylor, Carl Ohrendt, Lucia Moore and Mary Timberman.

**GUNSTER AS A CANDIDATE**

Announces That He is Desirous of a Re-election.

"I am a candidate; I want a re-election." This is the emphatic and straightforward manner in which Judge Gunster, when asked yesterday concerning the report that he would not seek another term.

When asked if he had seen the item in a Sunday paper stating that he had concluded not to run, he said he had heard of it, and then added: "That however did not come from any friend of mine."

Judge Gunster's term expires with the present year. As yet no one has come forward on either side to contest his re-election.

**L. I. & S. CO. DIRECTORS.**

Were Elected at Yesterday's Annual Stockholders' Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Lackawanna Iron and Steel company stockholders for the election of directors was held yesterday afternoon at the company's offices in this city.

The directors elected were Samuel Sloan, William E. Dodge, D. C. Blair, Moses Taylor Pyne and Stephen S. Palmer, all of New York city; Walter Scranton of New Jersey; E. B. Sturges, Henry Wehrum and Austin B. Blair, of Scranton. The directors will meet for organization in the company's New York office.

**Curry's Dining Room 303 Linden St.**

Full of fare, March 3, 1898:  
Roast and Ribs of Beef with Browned Potatoes,  
Stuffed Veal, Stewed Chicken, Cranberry Sauce,  
Mashed Potatoes, Sweet Potatoes, Cold Slaw, Stewed Tomatoes,  
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**These Things Are True.**

Weichel, the Jeweler, of 408 Source street, is holding an auction, Sale, morning, 10.30; afternoon, 2.30; 7.30 p. m. The ladies are especially invited to attend.

**BOTHER IN A TENEMENT.**

Two Criminal Cases Grown Out of Neighbor's Quarrels.

Over on Emmet street Tuesday night there was a tenement house squabble that wound up in F. E. Feeney and his wife being arrested at the instance of Cassie Mulherin for keeping a disorderly house.

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"It is my purpose to publish the 3,000 speak-easies that exist in Lackawanna and Luzerne counties. I have a list containing the names of every keeper of an unlicensed place in the two counties and I propose to publish them in my paper," he says. "I have the attention of the courts, but I know what I can do and I will not hesitate to do it."

**AS TO THE TRIALS.**

"I will not ask the district attorney to do anything unreasonable, but I will insist that these cases shall be heard in the proper order. I am not saying what I will do in case I can not get satisfaction in the courts, but I know what I can do and I will not hesitate to do it."

"I suppose you will prosecute the court officials if you believe they are not treating you right?" the reporter suggested.

"I am not saying what I will do, but there is a higher power than the county courts."

Traver and an assistant, who looked as if he could not only collect but also stow away a large amount of evidence, made the rounds of the places above mentioned Tuesday afternoon, and evening and yesterday morning. George D. Taylor is prosecuting attorney.

The following is a clipping from Mr. Traver's paper, and is a fair sample of the literary quality of its contents:

**OLD REUBEN COLUMN.**

Read it. It May Please You and You Might Be Downhearted Over It.

Reuben, if you was a church member would you sneak around saloons on Sunday? Say boy, I think not. I would be at the church praying for sinners.

Reuben, what do you think of people who rush the growler for beer for their house and then get up in court and swear against the hotel keeper? Say, boy, they are beneath the dirt which you tread upon daily, but this city has many of that tribe.

Reuben, aren't there some people in this city who would as soon lie as eat? Say, kid, that's no funny story.

Reuben, on the day of judgment won't God have his hands full listening to the har's tale of woe? Say, boy, I think it will take Him somewhat longer than it did to complete the Lattimer murder trial.

Reuben, when did Buff hit the point? Say, boy, when he hit the basket at Providence.

Reuben, what do you think of a young lady who falls to drop her letter in the postoffice when she is in a hurry to get up at the bottom, in haste, my love, Harry? Say, boy, she must have been thinking of love just about that moment.

Reuben, what do you think of a cow boy? Say, boy, ask Billy Evans.

Reuben, did Coon Honeywell go up Salt river, Say, boy, in 1900 you will see Coon all right. It was just the other day.

Reuben, who is attending bar at 305 Northampton street? Say, boy, someone said it was Easy Smith.

Reuben, did it ever occur to you that W. G. Kramer, of the Montour house, Danville, was a good fellow? Say, boy, it strikes me forcibly that such is the case and Lew Thornton's also.

**INSTITUTE OF CITY TEACHERS**

Begins in the High School Auditorium on Monday, April 11.

**FINE CORPS OF INSTRUCTORS**

Some of Those Already Secured Are Martin G. Brumbaugh, of the University of Pennsylvania, Homer B. Sprague, of the Drew Theological Seminary and Miss Harris, of Newark.—There Will Be an Exhibit of School Work During the Institute.

The indications are that the city teachers' institute to be held from April 11 to 15 inclusive in the High School auditorium will be one of the most successful in recent years. Superintendent of Schools Howell is now at work making the arrangements. He has engaged for lecturers some of the best known in this part of the country and of national reputation and has outlined a systematic course of discussion and instruction.

The fundamental object of the institute will be to emphasize a closer study of language work. The instructors engaged or in prospect are strong in that particular line. Those already engaged are Martin G. Brumbaugh, of the University of Pennsylvania; Homer B. Sprague, of the Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, N. J., and Miss Harris, of Newark. There will be three other lecturers of note.

Professor Brumbaugh is a recognized authority in pedagogy. His lectures on literature and language work are considered among the best. Professor Drew will treat of literature and biography. He has a national reputation. His books on the literature of Shakespeare are recognized as standard classics.

Miss Harris is to have exclusive charge of the primary work. She has had the benefit of fifteen years' activity in institutes and is a co-laborer of Sarah Arnold, Sarah Brooks and other distinguished authorities in primary principles.

In connection with the regular institute it is intended to give a complete exhibit for display purposes only, but a complete object lesson, a modern plan whereby parents, for instance, can determine at a glance if their children are making an average progression. The exhibit will show the devices and methods for instruction and its result from the Primary C grade to the High school, but it will not be created simply to please the eye. It is intended to have the exhibit composed of work of average merit in all grades and not the best results. An examination, for instance, of the papers of a certain grammar would aid the parent to ascertain if a child in that particular grade is up with the work required or is insufficiently advanced or is too forward.

It is hoped by Superintendent Howell that he will have the programme ready for publication by March 20.

**SCHOOL BUSINESS ACCUMULATING.**

It May Be Necessary to Have a Special Meeting.

Quite a volume of business is piling up in the secretary's office of the board of control and it is possible a special meeting of the board will be held in order to dispose of such matters as need immediate attention.

President Francois will not attempt to appoint the standing committees before the regular meeting of Monday, March 14, but he says he will call a special meeting if necessary or if a majority of the members wish it.

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Does your wheel need re-cannelling? If so, go to Bittenbender & Co. Is your wheel rusty and does it need new tires on? Do you need new tires on your wheels? If so, go to Bittenbender & Co. If new parts are needed for your wheel, Bittenbender & Co. can make them for you.

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For the next 30 Days very low prices will be made for recovering Furniture before the opening of the Spring trade. Estimates furnished cheerfully.

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Does your wheel need re-cannelling? If so, go to Bittenbender & Co. Is your wheel rusty and does it need new tires on? Do you need new tires on your wheels? If so, go to Bittenbender & Co. If new parts are needed for your wheel, Bittenbender & Co. can make them for you.

**CRUSADE AGAINST THE SPEAK-EASIES**

Nineteen South Siders Arrested for Selling Without a License.

**WILKES-BARRE MAN PROSECUTOR**

C. W. Traver, Editor of the Hotel Keeper's Journal is at the Head of the Movement—He Says He is Alone and Unaided in the Crusade and That No One Here Knows of His Coming—Intends to Visit Other Places in the County.

Warrants were yesterday issued from Alderman Wright's office at the instance of C. W. Traver, of Wilkes-Barre, for the arrest of nineteen alleged keepers of unlicensed saloons in this city. They are all residents of the South Side. Their names and addresses are:

GEORGE MIRTZ, Pittston avenue.  
A. HOENNER, Pittston avenue.  
J. KOCH, Pittston avenue.  
JORDAN & CONNOLLY, Pittston avenue.  
CHARLES ROSE, Pittston avenue.  
MRS. ROSE KANE, Pittston avenue.  
FRANK GRIMM, Pittston avenue.  
FRANK BIRRELL, Pittston avenue.  
CHRIST KLINE, Pittston avenue.  
B. BALDNER, Pittston avenue.  
GEORGE BOETCHNER, Pittston avenue.  
M. MILLER, Pittston avenue.  
A. WEICHEL, Cedar avenue and Alder street.  
JACOB DEMUTH, Willow street.  
JAMES M'GILLIGAN, Pittston avenue.  
J. BOETTCHER, Prospect avenue.  
FRED WEICHEL, 80 Cedar avenue.  
HERMAN GRAEBNER, Prospect avenue.  
CHARLES MIRTZ, Cedar avenue.

Most of the warrants were served yesterday, and the remainder will be served today. The accused were taken into custody, but simply summoned to appear before Alderman Wright for a hearing or to give bail for appearance at court. Charles Mirtz was the first to come in. He waived a hearing and entered his appearance at court. Charles Neuls, becoming his bondsman.

**HE IS AN EDITOR.**

Traver, the prosecutor, is the editor and proprietor of the "Pennsylvania Hotel Keepers' Journal of the Key-stone State," the authorized organ of the Liquor Dealers' Protective association. He says he is alone in this crusade and is simply doing it for the benefit of the law-paying citizens, whom his paper was established to serve. Not a single liquor dealer, or any other man in the city, he says, knew of his coming here or had any hand in instituting the crusade. "If they want to reward me," he says, "let them come to me. Well and good. I am not asking or expecting any reward, however, from anybody."

He would not make any further arrests in this city, he said, but two other places in the county will be visited today and tomorrow, one of these being an up the valley town and the other a place near the Luzerne county line. He has the necessary evidence collected, he avers, and simply has to proceed with the arrests.

**KONENCY SORELY ACCUSED.**

Taken to Wilkes-Barre to Answer a Serious Charge.

Theodore V. Konency, for a number of years in the hotel-keeping business in this city, went to Wilkes-Barre yesterday in custody of Detective Will F. Clifford to answer a charge of fraudulently obtaining money, preferred by A. Gotthold, proprietor of the Cosmopolitan hotel, 148 and 151 East Market street.

According to the story told by Mr. Gotthold in Alderman Howe's office, where the warrant was "backed," Konency induced him to cash a check for \$3 made on a bank which had no money nor had an account. Hearing of similar complaints from other business men he decided to arrest Konency and have him explain his actions, if he had any explanation to offer.

The arrest brought out the fact that Konency was before Alderman Howe on a charge of this kind not long ago, but letting the matter and succeeded in having it hushed up.

**NEWSPAPER MAN WEDS.**

Chauncey H. Derby of The Times and Miss Florence C. Hunt Married.

Chauncey Harvey Derby, court reporter of the Scranton Times, and Miss Florence Christine Hunt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Hunt, of Clark's Summit, were united in marriage, at 5.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, at the home of the bride's parents. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. F. Moffat, of the Washburn Street Presbyterian church, and was witnessed by an assemblage composed of the relatives and near friends of the contracting parties. Flo Hunt, the little niece of the bride, acting as flower girl, was the only attendant.

After the reception the newly-married couple left on an extended bridal tour through the east and south. Mrs. Derby is a charming young lady of many virtues and accomplishments and in every way fit for the distinction of a newspaperman's bride. The groom has been in local newspaper work for the last eight years, and has won for himself a high place in local journalism.

**LEHIGH VALLEY RAILROAD.**

Reduction in Fares to New York and Return.

Commencing March 1st, 1898, the continuous passage excursion rate from Scranton to New York, Jersey City, Newark and Elizabeth Junction will be \$8.50; tickets good for thirty (30) days. For time of trains and further particulars consult Lehigh Valley ticket agents.